

"Little is much... with Jesus!" - John 6:10-14 (Pt.2)

NKJV- "Then Jesus said, **"Make the people sit down."** Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, **"Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."** Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

NTV- "Jesús dijo: **"Díganles a todos que se sienten"**. Así que todos se sentaron sobre la hierba, en las laderas. (Sólo contando a los hombres sumaban alrededor de cinco mil). Luego Jesús tomó los panes, dio gracias a Dios y los distribuyó entre la gente. Después hizo lo mismo con los pescados. Y todos comieron cuanto quisieron.

Una vez que quedaron satisfechos, Jesús les dijo a sus discípulos: **"Ahora junten lo que sobró, para que no se desperdicie nada"**. Entonces ellos juntaron las sobras y llenaron doce canastos con los restos que la multitud había dejado después de comer de los cinco panes de cebada.

La gente, al ver la señal milagrosa que Jesús había hecho, exclamó: "¡No hay duda de que es el Profeta que esperábamos!"

INTRODUCTION:*Here is a picture of the largest sandwich ever made. Look at that thing. That thing was made in Mexico City on April 24th, 2004 and the weight of that sandwich is 6,991 pounds. Just the top slice of bread took 8 men to maneuver it into place. Now that's a novelty because people really didn't sit down and eat that thing afterwards. This stunt was just for the Guinness Book of World Records.*

However, today in John 6, we're about to read the story of a meal that Jesus provided that is the biggest meal found anywhere, certainly in the Scripture.

II. The Principle of **MULTIPLICATION**. (v.10-13)

III. The Principle of **IDENTIFICATION**. (v.14)

Remember the principles we have already discussed & learned in John 6:

- The Principle of **SEPARATION**(v.1-2) - Jesus wants you **to rest!**
- The Principle of **EVALUATION**(3-6) - Jesus will put you **to the test!**
- The Principle of **VISION**(v.7-9) - Jesus wants you to **see your best!**

II. The Principle of **MULTIPLICATION**.(v.10-11) - "Then Jesus said, **"Make the people sit down."** Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, **"Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."** Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten."

- **Background of this passage:** *Jesus is here in His 2nd year ministry; out in the countryside away from towns, there are potentially 10,000 people following Jesus; He knows they are in need, and He wants to take care of them...*
 - *Why were this many people following Jesus - to get more **bread**?? - What about you?*
 - *Jesus **saw** their need, and wanted to **meet** it. - Jesus sees **your needs today!***
 - *Jesus knew what they **really** needed... **Himself!!** - Jesus is what **you need too!***

- **HOWEVER, THERE IS AN AMAZING PRINCIPLE HERE FOR US TO LEARN:** Whatever you offer to Jesus, with a heart of genuine love and worship, Jesus will **take** it, **bless** it, and **multiply** it!

Jesus can take **whatever** you offer to Him and do **great & mighty things** with it, for His Kingdom!

- - ***Jesus can multiply your UNDERSTANDING** - Mark 4:24-25 NLT - "Pay close attention to what you hear. **The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given** - and you will receive even more. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them."*
 - ***Jesus can multiply your RESOURCES** - Luke 6:38 NLT - "Give, and you will receive. **Your gift will return to you in full** —pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."*

- Jesus can multiply your ABILITY-2 Chron 16:9 NLT
- "The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

The Spiritual Law of "Reaping & Sowing" ...

○ Gal 6:7-9 NLT - "Don't be misled - you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

○ Remember a man named "MOSES"? - All he had to give to the LORD, was a dead stick, and a courageous heart to obey...

○ Remember a man named "GIDEON"? - All he had to give to the LORD, was a fearful heart, but also a willing heart to help his people...

○ Remember a young girl named "MARY"? - All she had to give to the LORD, was a young body, in life of simply purity and sincere devotion...

○ Remember a man named "DAVID"? - All he had to give to the LORD, was a piece of dead leather, one rounded smooth stone, and a zealot heart that was passionate for the honor and glory of GOD... (2 Sam 7)

○ What about YOU?!? What is in YOUR hand, that YOU can give to Jesus??

▪ A wrench... a pen... a child... a dollar...
a Bible.... empty hands?!?

○ How dare we look at our "smallness" above God's GREATNESS?!?

○ How dare we look at our "tiny limitations" above God's UNLIMITED power?!?

○ How dare we allow our "small ability", to overshadow the INFINITE ability of Almighty God?!? (Gen 1:1; Jer 32:27)

III. The Principle of *IDENTIFICATION*.(v.12-14) - "Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

- The people finally understood the *true identity* of Jesus: the *Divine Messiah* sent to save the world!
 - **John 20:31 NLT** - ".these are written so that you may continue to believe - that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name."